Training Program
The Veterans’ Health Administration-funded Elizabeth Dole Center of Excellence for Veteran and Caregiver Research is seeking postdoctoral and post-residency fellows for a 2-year research fellowship in health services research focused informal caregiving, home and community-based care, long-term support services, and other aspects of aging in place.

Our Center is a one-of-a-kind national partnership of VA Medical Centers in: Palo Alto, CA; Salt Lake City, Utah; Miami, FL; and San Antonio, TX. The mission of our center is to ultimately allow Veterans to age in place. We expect to do this through the following:
1) understand the unmet community and caregiver needs of Veterans;
2) use data science to most effectively match services to Veteran and caregiver groups;
3) piloting innovative approaches to improving Veteran and caregiver outcomes;
4) applying implementation science to improve the deployment of best practices in home- and community-based care.

This fellowship seeks to train clinicians and postdoctoral scholars who will become leaders in health services research. As such, fellows will have an opportunity to collaborate with national and international leaders in health services research methods including implementation science, cost-effectiveness, community-based research, and technology-enabled interventions, as well as critical content areas of substance use disorders, chronic and serious illness management, and advancing health policy.

The program of study is flexible and accommodates a variety of career goals. The primary focus of the program is to provide research skills needed for a career in VA and/or academic medicine. Fellows will participate in local and national learning opportunities within the VA and have an opportunity to take courses.
Eligible fellows will have a doctoral degree in psychology, health policy, health services research, health economics, or other health-related fields. Physicians, nurse practitioners, and other doctoral degrees in medicine are also eligible. We especially encourage applications from individuals from minority groups, diverse backgrounds, and those who are differently abled. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Eligibility may vary across sites.

Learn more about our Center of Excellence here: bit.ly/2S6UHAp

For further information, please contact fellowship director Ranak Trivedi, PhD, at ranakt@stanford.edu.

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| Palo Alto VA Advanced Fellowship in Health Services Research | • High value mental health care  
• High value medical, surgical specialty, and palliative/hospice care  
• High value care beyond the VA  
• Implementation Science  
• Qualitative and Quantitative Methods | Doctorates in health-related fields (clinicians/non-clinicians) | Stanford University | Ranak Trivedi, PhD, MS  
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| Salt Lake City VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Medical Informatics | • Application of Medical Informatics in VA Systems  
• Modernization of the VA electronic health record  
• Mixed/methods project management training | Doctorates in health-related fields (clinicians/non-clinicians) | University of Utah School of Medicine | Mary Jo Pugh, PhD, RN  
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Brian Sauer, PhD, MS  
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| Miami VA Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics | • Research in aging and non-institutional care  
• Neurobiological, social, medical and cultural contributors to functional decline and frailty  
• Research in endocrine issues linked to geriatric syndromes in vulnerable older adults | Clinicians with graduate training | Florida International University  
University of Miami School of Medicine | Stuti Dang, MD, MPH  
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| San Antonio VA Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics | • Aging & Geriatrics  
• Implementation Science  
• Health Services Research  
• Complexity Science | Clinicians with graduate training | University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio | Polly Hitchcock Noel, PhD, MA  
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COMMON REQUIREMENTS: U.S. Citizen; Physicians must have graduated from an ACGME or AOA accredited residency program.  
VA Advanced Fellowships Program General Website: va.gov/OAA/Advanced_Fellowships/Explore_our_Fellowships.asp